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SHIPPING SEASON FOR TEXAS CITRUS FRUIT TO END ON APRIL 2

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Announcement is made that the shipping season for citrus fruit under the Federal Mexican fruit worm quarantine (Notice of Quarantine No. 64) from the counties of Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy, in Texas, will close for the season on April 2, 1935. The host-free period required under the regulations to be enforced by the State of Texas will for the year 1935 begin on April 3.

Under the provisions of the quarantine it is required that prior to the beginning of the host-free period each year all citrus fruit except lemons and sour limes shall be removed from the trees for shipment, storage, or sale, and all other host fruits shall be destroyed either following removal from the trees or by destruction of the trees themselves. Permits will not be issued for the interstate shipment of citrus fruits after the close of April 2 except as to such fruits shipped from approved storage.

This order modifies an announcement made by the Department on January 24, 1935, when the current shipping season was extended to include April 15, 1935. The modification is necessary owing to the recent discovery of Mexican fruit flies and infested fruit within the regulated area and the importance of instituting the host-free period without delay in order to avoid the further establishment of infestation in the groves.

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